



Maryland Council on Open Data

Quarterly Meeting
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Welcome and Introductions

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Agenda

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 - Overview of Open Data with BI/Visualization Tools
 - Examples of Maryland Datasets
- Open Data Platform Capabilities and Relevant Examples
 - Customer Success Framework
 - Charting Success for Maryland
 - Making most out of Platform
 - Looking ahead
- Open Discussion/New Topics



Organizational Structure Questionnaire

The Administrative Workgroup have been meeting with the express purpose of reviewing the laws and traditions of the Council on whether to create new organizing principles of Council meetings. The Subcommittee conducted meetings on a bi-weekly basis to carefully review the history and traditions of the Council, and engaged in discussions regarding the statewide adoption of the Open Data Act (Act) and the promotion of policies that carry out the Act.

The workgroup recognizes that the Act provides substantive guidance on how the Council may “promote the policy” of the Act, yet the Act is replete from procedural guidance on how to do it. For example, the Act defines “promotion” to include, among other things: ***(1) providing guidance and policy recommendations and when appropriate recommend legislation and regulations for procedures, standards, and other deliverables for open data; (2) coordinating the appropriate staff at each State entity for the development, maintenance, and use of open data and open data portals; (3) advising the Governor and General Assembly on budget matters related to open data; and (4) establishing a plan for providing all open data to the public at no cost.***

The Subcommittee concluded that certain questions should be more fully discussed and debated by the Council prior to recommending how to achieve the substantive policy goals articulated in the Act:

These questions include:



Organizational Structure Questionnaire

1. Does open data make a difference? For example, should the Council perform (or require the performance of) independent validation of performance measures and verification of data? What is the case to be made and how do we make it (i.e., does it spur innovation, create jobs, improve public trust and/or generate transparency, and if so, how does the Council prove it)? Does the Council need to prove it?
2. Is it a priority to focus on making data sources public, or focus on the establishment of policies to promote openness? Can both be done within the limited time available?



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3. What organizing procedures should be adopted by the Council (i.e., by-laws to address quorum, members, proxies, voting, etc.)?
4. What process should the Council follow to suggest/recommend changes to legislation?
5. Should the Council set data standards (i.e., format, quality, frequency)?
6. Should the Council recommend legislative changes requiring that all agencies “default” to releasing data and making that data available for free, if possible?



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7. What is the Council's jurisdictional limit with other open data laws and departments within the State of Maryland? For example, does the Council's reach extend to the Freedom of Information Act, the Maryland Public Information Act, and the Open Meetings Act? How does the Attorney General's Compliance Board and Ombudsman intersect with the Council's policy mandate?



Breakout Session and Recap



Open Data Visualizations

- Overview of Open Data with BI/Visualizations
- Examples using Maryland Datasets



Open Data Platform Capabilities

- Customer Success Framework
- Charting Success for Maryland
- Making most out of Platform
- Looking ahead



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Next Meeting: June 15, 2018